

What is claimed is:

1. A copper smelting process comprising the steps of:
providing a blister copper-producing means, a plurality of anode furnaces and blister copper launder means for connecting said blister copper-producing means and said anode furnaces;
producing blister copper in said blister copper-producing means;
subsequently causing said blister copper produced in said blister copper-producing means to flow through said blister copper launder means into one of said anode furnaces; and
refining said blister copper into copper of higher quality in said anode furnace.
2. The process as recited in claim 1, wherein said refining step includes the steps of:
receiving the blister copper ~~tapping~~ through said blister copper launder means in said anode furnace;
oxidizing the blister copper in said anode furnace by blowing oxidizing gas into said anode furnace;
subsequently reducing the oxidized copper in said anode furnace into the copper of higher ~~quality~~ ¹~~1~~ ²~~2~~ ³~~3~~ ⁴~~4~~ ⁵~~5~~ ⁶~~6~~ ⁷~~7~~ ⁸~~8~~ ⁹~~9~~ ¹⁰~~10~~ ¹¹~~11~~ ¹²~~12~~ ¹³~~13~~ ¹⁴~~14~~ ¹⁵~~15~~ ¹⁶~~16~~ ¹⁷~~17~~ ¹⁸~~18~~ ¹⁹~~19~~ ²⁰~~20~~ ²¹~~21~~ ²²~~22~~ ²³~~23~~ ²⁴~~24~~ ²⁵~~25~~ ²⁶~~26~~ ²⁷~~27~~ ²⁸~~28~~ ²⁹~~29~~ ³⁰~~30~~ ³¹~~31~~ ³²~~32~~ ³³~~33~~ ³⁴~~34~~ ³⁵~~35~~ ³⁶~~36~~ ³⁷~~37~~ ³⁸~~38~~ ³⁹~~39~~ ⁴⁰~~40~~ ⁴¹~~41~~ ⁴²~~42~~ ⁴³~~43~~ ⁴⁴~~44~~ ⁴⁵~~45~~ ⁴⁶~~46~~ ⁴⁷~~47~~ ⁴⁸~~48~~ ⁴⁹~~49~~ ⁵⁰~~50~~ ⁵¹~~51~~ ⁵²~~52~~ ⁵³~~53~~ ⁵⁴~~54~~ ⁵⁵~~55~~ ⁵⁶~~56~~ ⁵⁷~~57~~ ⁵⁸~~58~~ ⁵⁹~~59~~ ⁶⁰~~60~~ ⁶¹~~61~~ ⁶²~~62~~ ⁶³~~63~~ ⁶⁴~~64~~ ⁶⁵~~65~~ ⁶⁶~~66~~ ⁶⁷~~67~~ ⁶⁸~~68~~ ⁶⁹~~69~~ ⁷⁰~~70~~ ⁷¹~~71~~ ⁷²~~72~~ ⁷³~~73~~ ⁷⁴~~74~~ ⁷⁵~~75~~ ⁷⁶~~76~~ ⁷⁷~~77~~ ⁷⁸~~78~~ ⁷⁹~~79~~ ⁸⁰~~80~~ ⁸¹~~81~~ ⁸²~~82~~ ⁸³~~83~~ ⁸⁴~~84~~ ⁸⁵~~85~~ ⁸⁶~~86~~ ⁸⁷~~87~~ ⁸⁸~~88~~ ⁸⁹~~89~~ ⁹⁰~~90~~ ⁹¹~~91~~ ⁹²~~92~~ ⁹³~~93~~ ⁹⁴~~94~~ ⁹⁵~~95~~ ⁹⁶~~96~~ ⁹⁷~~97~~ ⁹⁸~~98~~ ⁹⁹~~99~~ ¹⁰⁰~~100~~ ¹⁰¹~~101~~ 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furnace includes a furnace body supported rotatably about an axis thereof with said axis being arranged horizontally, said furnace body including a tuyere opening thereinto, and wherein said oxidizing step includes blowing said oxidizing gas into said anode furnace while adjusting a depth of said tuyere from a melt surface in said anode furnace by rotating said furnace body.

4. The process as recited in claim 2, wherein said oxidizing gas is composed of oxygen-enriched air.

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